

## A BUILDING FOR GOLFERS.

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first tee. The policemen have had the adjoining carriage house fitted up for a station, and they will soon take possession. The carpenters are already at work transforming their former headquarters for the use of the golfers. The building is a two-story farmhouse, and the new ranges the kitchen will easily answer for the new restaurant, while the other basement rooms will be for the men's lockers and their dressing rooms. The accommodations for the women will be on the second floor. There will be the custodian's office, the office of the restaurant manager and a small room reserved for the use of the lockers, which may be had for a day or by the month or season. The restaurant and smoking rooms will be on the first floor, which is well adapted for the purpose, and, in pleasant weather, meals will also be served on the veranda. The golfers will come from which the golfers may be seen on the first floor. The error, some out, and when approaching, and

putting for the home hole. The restaurant will probably be open within six weeks, while the lockers may be available before that time.

Members of St. Andrew's seem well pleased that the club is taking steps to make more investments and arrangements at Mount Hope. On every fine day little parties of members visit the new course and try experimental drives and iron plays on completed greens. One change has been decided on—to begin on the back of the hill, where the first two hills lie. Instead of playing down the hill, the new order of drill will be to start on the top of the hill. Tucker had planned, if he could play down, to be the third under the new order, but the change of course and the fact that he is built-up too much in a snazzy dozen of 236 yards before the smooth patch chosen for the putting green.

The play will be to drive up to the right, where there is a sharp rise, with the idea of

lie for a maulish pitch. The drive must be a carry of 160 to 180 yards to accomplish anything. The rolling down of the ball is done with a brook beyond. A short or topped drive will cause the worst sort of a baulzing lie for the second stroke, and no matter what club is used, it will be found impossible to get a second shot nicely. The five holes following are on a tableland, the brook crossing the line of play and a number of other hazards cropping up. The first four holes are of the same nature, and when it is considered that the fields have been tilted regularly until 1865 from pre-revolutionary times, the beauty of the golf was a portion of the notes Philippe Manor.

With fine weather, the golfers are enabled to

The only regular golf in this vicinity as yet is at Lakewood, where a number of cup contests are being run, on the two links. The interest is mainly in the business and pleasure of visiting golfers who intend to begin their season at the Ocean County Hunt and Country Club open tournament, on Feb. 12 and 13, when they will go to golf on the links of the weekly contests. The pleasant weather, too, enables the work to be pushed along on the new links that were started in the autumn. The most important of these are the links at the golfing grounds of the Crescent A. C., the Marine and Field Club, the Richmond County Country Club, and the extension to the Arden Country Club.

Golf has become quite an institution in Colo-

radio during the past year. The Overland Park club of Denver is the largest club and has the most links in the state, but the game is not very strong at Colorado Springs, where it was introduced three and a half years ago. There are now twenty men and about fifteen women who play well enough to qualify in class A at any Eastern club, and any number of novices. This story is told of a recent match: A certain member, who was angry over his game, and who had berated the ball until he could not see, then turned to the clubhouse and was found by a friend in a secluded part of the course, standing on his driver, while he was backing it to punch

Isn't it better to break up my darn club than to lose my temper?"

But the U.S. Club has left for a strip among the golf links that will take him as far as San Francisco and Tacoma.

Putting and approaching contests are always sure of large fields whenever arranged at a club, for there is always a keen rivalry between the members over their abilities at these two important parts of the game. To secure the best results a uniformity in the conditions is advisa-

The recent short game competition, managed by J. H. Rogers in the Glasgow district, Scotland, may be mentioned in this country, with the certainty that good sportsmen will be interested.

Each player shall drop four balls singly or collectively over his head within a space marked by the referee, the teeing ground, and forty yards distant from the hole.

The player to pitch the balls over a net fifteen feet wide and fifteen feet high and fifteen yards in front of the teeing ground.

Thereafter, the balls are to be holed out in the order of their number.

Should a ball foul the net or supports, or go under the net or wide of it, it shall be again dropped on the teeing ground and added to the four balls.

The player holed out in the least number of strokes is the winner.

Golf at the University A. C. Club has had some popularity this season, and, in spite of the

fine weather, many of the college men are still practising the swing daily indoors. As Flood, the club instructor, has cocoa mats for the men to lie on, and, in an adjoining room, a machine putting balls from a hole, he has been putting at golf for two years, and is a good exponent of a self-taught player. He drives a long and true ball, but is an actual marvel in approach shots with the mashie, where his racquet experience helps him considerably. Flood had a chance to receive an outdoor knowledge of golf at Ardley last summer, and he has begun the present season by making a new record of 30 for the Richmond.

Two Germans who went into the woods near Richmond Hill, Long Island, yesterday for the purpose of practicing, threw their target at a tree within a hundred feet of the clubhouse and then proceeded to meet Hill Golf Club course, and began blazing away in a rather reckless manner. Judge, unfortunately, was in the neighborhood, and he fired the bullets whizzing about his head. He was saved, however. He rushed to the top of the knoll in the face of the dice, and the Germans were subdued. He said: "I don't care to see any more civilization here." They said: "Well, no matter, we go to the woods, they say they moved a short distance further into the woods and began firing in another direction."

on Dec. 30 by Dr. H. Dane on the Northwest course. It forms the amateur record for the eight big clubs in the Northwest, and we know the difficulties of the greens will appreciate the figures. The record for the nine holes is thirty seven, by J. H. Seely. The professional record is held by Dr. H. Dane, by a 38, and J. Braid with eighty, which figure speaks eloquently for Dr. Dane's score.

Out.....	4	4	3	7	6	6	5	3	4	41
In.....	6	4	4	7	4	4	3	3	4	41
Total.....										82

R. D. Murray, a member of the "Calcuts" Club, has the record for year in succession on the amateur championship at the club in India. The second best score was returned by Mr. Smith, formerly captain of the Oxford University Club.

**Cheese.**

Sixteen members of the Manhattan Chess Club contested in a rapid-transit handicap tournament at the club room on last Saturday afternoon. Lipschultz won the first and made the second prize. The details follow:

First Round—Bode beat Northrup, Jasenogradsky beat Jerome, Hannan beat Sievers, Rosenfeld beat Frankel, Leiner beat Bode, Bode beat Bailey, Visser beat Wilkinson, Lipschultz beat Horanic.

Second Round—Belmar and Lipschultz drew, the latter won the consolation prize. Bode beat Bode, Bode beat Visser, Hannan beat Jasenogradsky.

Third Round—Lipschultz beat Hannan, Bode beat

The first game played in the club's annual  
 handicap tournament on Saturday evening  
 Jasnorodsky won.  
 Secretary Charles Erick of the Brooklyn Chess  
 Club has just received a letter from Dr. Hoffer,  
 in which the London chess expert has con-  
 sented to act as umpire for America at the  
 London end of the coming cable match.

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